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ACCOUNTANT & GENERAL AGENT.
DEALER IN POTASH.
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JOHN S. CLUTE.
Kingston, 6th Sept., 1848 72-z

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A FEW BASKETS BEST CHEDDER TRUCKLE, & BERKELEY QUEEN'S ARMS CHEESE, in excellent condition, just received, and for sale by
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At reduced prices.
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NOTICE.
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WM. GUNN.
City Brewery Office, Kingston, Sept. 1st, 1848. }

OATMEAL.
A quantity fresh ground, in bbls. of 224 lbs. each, just received.
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FROM the Distillery of RITCHFORD & JONES, Simcoe, Long Point, constantly on hand and for Sale low, by
H. & S. JONES.
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Kingston Foundry, April 4, 1848.
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FOR SALE,
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JAMES WILLIAMSON.
Sept. 2, 1848. 71-1m

200 Bbls. Fine Flour,
50 Bbls. Inspected Mess Pork,
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20 do Pot Barley.
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Kingston, June 27, 1848. 52-1

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IN CAMDEN.
WEST-HALF No. 11, in the 2nd Con. Apply to John Benson, Esq., Napanee, or to
CUMMING & MACDONELL,
Solicitors, &c.,
Kingston.
Sept. 29th, 1848. 79

CHAIRS.
THE SUBSCRIBER has determined to carry out the principles of
FREE TRADE
to all his customers, as he has no hope of protection from the *present Reform Administration.*
W. HATCH,
Chair Maker Princess Street.
Kingston, May 31, 1848 44t.

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Great Reduction in Prices.
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Kingston, August 4, 1848. 63-tf

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THE Subscriber will re-open his ACADEMY in Princess Street, on MONDAY, 2nd October. Also in connexion with the same, there will be a department for Girls, in which he will attend the Classes for Writing and Arithmetic.
A NIGHT SCHOOL
Will be commenced from the same date.
Pupils for Boarding will be properly attended to.
J. TAYLOR.
September 23rd, 1848. 77

READY MADE CLOTHING.
THE SUBSCRIBER wishes to inform the public, that he has received from England, a large quantity of Ready Made Clothing, got up in good style, and also that he has on hand a great quantity of Coats and Trowsers of *Satinet and Coburg Cloths.*
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Kingston Oct. 13, 1848. 83

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adapted to the present and coming seasons.
A. & D. S., while directing attention to the foregoing, would beg to state that from the facilities they possess in having a resident buyer in the British Markets, they are satisfied no other house in the Trade can offer greater inducements to intending purchasers.
Kingston, Sept. 12, 1848. 71

CITY OF KINGSTON
Gas Light Company.
THE Board of Directors having contracted for the erection of the necessary buildings, works, &c., have decided upon making the following call, and all Subscribers are requested to pay the same to the times appointed, at the Company's Office, in the City Buildings, viz:—

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Five	do	do 1st October.
Five	do	do 1st November.
Five	do	do 1st December

By order of the Board,
D. TOLKIEN WOTHERSPOON,
Secretary.
Kingston, August 1, 1848. 63-tf

MISSING.
A CASE OF BOOKS.
ADDRESS "Mr Mackenzie," and on corner, "John Young" passenger—taken (it is supposed) from the Wharf at Coburg, on the evening of Friday, the 6th inst. Any information respecting the above left with Messrs. Ramsay, Armour & Co., Kingston, will greatly oblige the owner.
Oct. 27, 1848. 8

BINDING AND RULING.
THE Subscribers having an experienced Binder and ruler, are prepared to execute all orders for Blank Books and Binding and Ruling, with economy and despatch.
RAMSAY, ARMOUR & Co.
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Miniature Leaves,
Drawing Materials, Color Boxes,
Water Colors, in Cakes and Tubes,
Paper Weights, of Metal and Glass,
Parallel Rules, Parchment, Cards,
&c. &c. &c.
Montreal, Oct. 21. 66

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BY EXPRESS,
AT WILLINGS'
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THIS Company's Line of Packet Ships comprises *the well known*
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"TRANSIENT LINE"
Of First Class Ships, sailing daily from Liverpool and the ports of Ireland, to all parts of the United States and British America.
These Ships will be *well supplied* with Pork, Flour, Oat and Corn Meal, Rice, Potatoes, Peas, Vinegar, and pure water, and the Passengers *liberally* supplied with the same during the voyage.
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Dock foot of Washington Street,
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☞N. B.—Beware of other persons representing these Lines, Roche, Brothers & Co. are the only direct owners, and their Agent at Buffalo, the only authorized person who can arrange with persons in this country.
Buffalo, 16th Sept., 1848. 78-z

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R. & C. CHALMERS have just got to hand from London and Paris, a Choice Lot of Plain and Coloured ENGRAVINGS & LITHOGRAPHS, entirely new, and which will be sold at very moderate prices, for Cash.
8, Great St. James Street, Montreal, 30th Sept. 1848. } 82*

STEEL PENS, QUILLS, &c.
THE Subscribers have always on hand a large assortment of Quills, Steel Pens, Ink and Ink Powders, Rulers, Inkstands, Lead Pencils, Slates and Slate Pencils, Memorandum Books, &c., &c
RAMSAY, ARMOUR, & Co
Kingston, Oct. 13, 1848. 83

Extracts from late English Papers.

BRUTAL MURDER.

Three men have been most brutally murdered at Banaha, in Tipperary They were three bailiffs, who had been placed on "keepers" on the goods of a man named Brien, against whom a distress warrant of poor rates had been issued. The details are given in the following account of the inquest:—Mr. Dalton, of Tipperary, the first witness called, was a poor rate collector. He had occasion to go frequently to Redmond Brien's, of Rosendrihid, for the rates and arrears due by him. About a month ago he summoned Brien to the court house of Banaha, in consequence of his having removed his stock off the land, and a Bench warrant was granted against him for £4 4s. 4½d. He received an intimation that Brien had removed his corn to another man's land, whose name he believed also to be Brien. On Friday morning last he gave the Bench warrant to Ryan, his confidential clerk, and desired him to place keepers on the corn of Brien, which had been so removed. Ryan placed the three deceased men, named Regan, Walsh, and Dwyer, as keepers on the corn. P. Cashin, of Curroghbrook, stated that he resides within about half a mile of where the deceased men were placed as keepers. Slept at home on Saturday night, and on Sunday morning about seven o'clock he was in bed. Deceased Regan entered the house, and told him that there were men coming after him, and in about a minute or two the other deceased men, Walsh and Dwyer, came in. They locked the door. In about ten minutes several men came to the door, but were refused admittance. One of the party broke the kitchen window, and another said, "If you don't let us in we will burn the house." One of the bailiffs inside shouted out, "If you will spare us our lives we will take our oaths never to come again." The people asked if they had pistols inside, and were told they had not, upon which a large stone was thrown against the door. The lock was broken, and the door opened. Three men entered, one of whom had a gun. Walsh and Dwyer were begging for their lives, and said they would never come again.—Regan was pulled out by the party, and the three men again entered the house. Dwyer and Walsh fell on their knees, and implored for mercy, but they were both murdered in the kitchen. One was shot, and the other was beat with a gun and when the stock of it broke he was beat and killed from blows with the barrel. Deponent states that after Dwyer and Walsh were killed, the three men who killed them left the house. Went with them and saw Regan surrounded by six or seven persons at a bohereen or passage leading into his yard. One of the party desired Regan to go on his knees. He did so, and was immediately attacked. Heard repeated blows given to him, and saw a gun presented to him, upon which he (deponent) retired, fearing that he might be hurt, as the gun was pointed towards where he was standing. After the murder of the three, the six or seven men went away at a slow pace and faced towards the mountains. Does not know any of the party who entered his house, and those who did had their faces blackened, and were disguised. The jury returned a verdict of "Guilty" against some person or persons unknown.—Another man, named Carroll, residing at Roscrea, has since been barbarously murdered at a place called Clashagrid, under very mysterious circumstances.

SINGULAR CASE OF CONCEALMENT OF SEX.

The particulars of a very singular case of concealment of sex at Macclesfield, have come to light during the past week. The facts, as far as we have been able to gather them, the following: On Saturday, Mr. Bland, one of the medical of the Macclesfield Union, received a certificate for a person described as John Smith, aged 43, by trade a cooper and tinker, belonging to Macclesfield, and residing in Derby-street, as a lodger, at the house of one Mrs M'Cann. Mr. Bland attended the individual in the course of the day, and found the complaint under which he was labouring to be that of dysentery. On looking at the person and hearing his voice, he was struck with their peculiarity; the face, lips, general expression, and the voice being those of a woman. Mr. Bland asked the landlady of the house whether it was a man or a woman. Mrs. M'Cann replied by saying, "I don't know, doctor. All I can tell you is, that he and his wife have lodged here nine weeks, and he has always dressed as a man, and followed his occupation as a knife-grinder and spoon-maker." Mr. Bland, on hearing that there was a wife, requested to see her. In answer to his inquiries, she stated that she had lived with him fourteen years; that she met him first at New Mills, in Derbyshire; that they were not married although living together; that she had eleven children; that he followed the trade of knife-grinder and tinker, and sometimes got as much as 10s. a day. The statements thus made by the woman satisfied him for the time that he was in error in supposing the individual calling himself her husband, to be a woman; but subsequent visits served to re-awaken his suspicions. In the mean time the symptoms of the disease became more aggravated, and the individual died. On hearing of the death, Mr. Bland immediately proceeded to the house, and ascertained that the person was beyond all doubt a female. He again questioned the woman calling herself the wife, when she denied having any knowledge of the sex of the deceased till the day before the death, when deceased requested that she would allow no one to assist her to lay out the body, but sew it up in a sheet, which she did; and it was in this state when Mr. Bland visited the house almost immediately after the death. On being further questioned, the woman stated that the eleven children of which she had spoken, were by another husband, who was dead; and the reason she gave for living with the deceased was that she was promised her maintenance, which promise seems to have been faithfully kept by the deceased. Mr. Bland communicated the facts of the case to the police, in order that an inquest might be held; but as the case was that of a concealment of sex, and not one of doubt as to the cause of death, such a proceeding was not deemed necessary.

The body was interred on Sunday last, at Christ Church, as John Smith, and from the numbers attending to witness the funeral, the case seemed to have excited considerable interest. The surviving woman has since, we understand, divulged to the Registrar of the district the real name of the deceased, which was Sophia Locke.

The account given of her life is as follows:—She was the daughter of a man named Locke, who was a scissors-grinder and tinker. He had several children besides the deceased, who appears to have been the only daughter. He led the life of a gipsy, travelling from place to place with his family, and carrying with him his tent. The deceased was born in a cave near Crooker Wood, in Sutton, and a highly respectable lady of that neighbourhood is said to have been present at the birth. At three years old she assumed male attire, and used to accompany a brother to various towns, visiting the public houses, and dancing to a violin which he played. In this manner she grew up to womanhood, and then commenced the trade of her father. The family, it appears, used to winter always on Buddon Moor, and it was only known as hearsay among the natives of that place that she was a woman. The fact, however, subsequently became well known among them from the following circumstances taking place:—A quarrel took place between her and a man, and a prize fight between them was the result, which took place on Bolton-green, and in which the female engaged the victor. In the contest her bosom accidentally became exposed, and then it was that her sex became known as a fact. About 14 years ago she became acquainted with a woman with whom she was living when she died, and they lived together uninterruptedly during that length of time. They had travelled all over England. Last year they were in Worcestershire picking hops. They lived very happily together, and the deceased, who could earn half-a-guinea a day sometimes, used the woman very well.

The deceased was of slender make, and had some years ago a profusion of black glossy hair, which was carefully curled and dressed, as far, in some measure, to take off its feminine appearance; this, with a total absence of beard, and a very swarthy complexion, produce a *tout ensemble* which would arrest the attention of any admirer of the gipsy picturesque.—*London Dispatch.*

TRANSMISSION OF SIGNALS UNDER WATER BY THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.

On Wednesday last, some experiments were tried under the direction of Mr. Cox, superintendent of the Electric Telegraph Company in Manchester, in order to ascertain the practicability of transmitting signals by Electric Telegraph under water. The wire which was used on the occasion was of copper, which, after having been wrapped with cotton and passed through shellac, had been then covered with India rubber, cemented by naphtha. Wire of a similar description has been used with success in the Summit tunnel on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, through which the signals were with great difficulty transmitted by the ordinary wire; and in fact, it was the success that attended the experiment in the tunnel which suggested the idea that the wire thus covered might be useful as a means of communication through the water. One end of the wire was connected with the wires at the House's Book station, which was connected with the company's office at the Exchange arcade, and the wire was then allowed to hang from the railway-bridge over the Irwell into the river, where it remained in a large coil of about half a mile in length, under water, while the other end of it was carried, still under water, into the office of Mr. William Gaskill, dyer, some hundred yards higher up, on the Salford side of the river, where it was connected with an instrument. The connection having been thus made between the offices in the Exchange arcade and the instrument in Mr. Gaskill's office, signals were transmitted from the one place to the other with the utmost ease. The deflection of the needle was only five degrees (a deflection which was easily accounted for upon the supposition that the coating of the signal wire had been cut through in some places by the wire which was thrown over it to sustain the weights necessary to retain the signal-wire in its place, in consequence of the unusually strong current which was running, caused by the heavy rains of the night previous,) the ordinary deflection being two or three degrees, while in rainy weather (such as that by on which the experiment was made) it would probably amount to as much as fifteen degrees between Liverpool and Manchester. The coated wire remained in the water during the night, and on Thursday the experiments were repeated with the same success, so that there seems to be no reason to doubt that the wire, coated as we have described, will be an efficient means of conveying signals under water. Should this prove to be the case, it is probable that one of the first applications of the invention will be to establish a communication by electric telegraph between Liverpool and Birkenhead.

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Fall of Saint Edmund's Oak.—The great oak in Horse Wood, which has by long tradition been marked out as the veritable tree at which the "Virgin King and Martyr" was shot with arrows, lately fell to the ground. The trunk of this tree was only 12 feet in height up to its separation into branches, measured five feet in diameter, and contained 6¼ loads of timber, and the arms yielded about nine loads more, [illegible]